

addresses which comforted the grief stricken Long Islanders in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

After having spent time with Mr. DeVaul I consider him a true patriot and am proud to rely on his valuable insight as a member of my Veteran's Advisory Committee. I look forward to continuing my work with Paul on initiatives that advance the goals of the American Legion and all veterans. His commitment is exemplary and I have no doubt that Paul DeVaul will continue his great works for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF STANLEY FRIEDLANDER, RESIDENT OF THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF OHIO AND PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Ohioan whose career and service deserves recognition. Stanley Friedlander is the outgoing president of the American Land Title Association (ALTA). The American Land Title Association is composed of 2,400 title insurance companies, their agents, independent abstracters and attorneys who search, examine, and insure land titles to protect owners and mortgage lenders against losses from defects in titles. Many of these companies also provide additional real estate information services, such as tax search, flood certification, tax filing, and credit reporting services. These firms and individuals employ nearly 100,000 individuals and operate in every county in the country.

Stanley's entrepreneurial spirit is inspiring. While attending Kent State University, Stanley started his first job in the title insurance industry and within a year had launched his own title agency. Currently, Mr. Friedlander is the president of Continental Title Agents Corporation, which he co-founded 30 years ago, based in Cleveland, OH. Stanley's four-decade career has been committed to helping the American dream of homeownership come true. It is no surprise that Stanley became president of the American Land Title Association.

As a title agent, Stanley insures that a property bought by a consumer comes with all ownership rights or a "clean title." When purchasing a home or other real estate, one actually does not receive the land, but rather a title to the property, which may be limited by rights and claims asserted by others. Problems with title can limit one's use and enjoyment of real estate, as well as bring financial loss to both the individual purchaser and the mortgage lender.

Protection is available through title insurance. Title insurance, unlike other types of insurance, offers protection against loss arising from hazards and defects already existing in the title. The common types of problems include: deeds, will and trusts that contain improper vesting and incorrect names, outstanding mortgages, judgments and tax liens,

easements or incorrect notary acknowledgments. Specifically, a previously undisclosed heir may make a claim against a property or a forged deed was used in the transfer of title making it invalid. Title insurance offers financial protection against these and other hazards through negotiations by the title insurer with third parties, payment for defending against an attack on title as insured, and payment of claims.

As President of ALTA, Stanley is committed to guiding his industry through a time of potential challenges and recently testified before the House Financial Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity.

Mr. Friedlander is also a leader in his community. He has served on the Moreland Hills Community Council and is currently involved as a member of the community's Planning Commission and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association's Grievance Committee. He is also involved in Cleveland's Hebrew Free Loan Association whose mission is to provide interest free loans to those in need. Stanley has been active in the Ohio Land Title Association (OLTA), where he chaired the Education Committee, served on the Board of Governors, and as OLTA president.

Mr. Friedlander is married to Cheryl Karner, a common pleas court judge. Together they have two children, Jennifer and Joey both in their early twenties.

I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I congratulate Mr. Friedlander on his service to ALTA during the past year and wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DANA PERINO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen. Dana Perino of Washington, D.C. is a talented and dedicated public servant. Dana is a product of Colorado State University—Pueblo and is being honored by that institution with its Outstanding Alumna award. For her dedication and hard work to her nation, I am honored to recognize Dana here today.

Dana has dedicated many years to the field of communications. She is the Director of Communications for the White House Council on Environmental Quality, which oversees implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act by all Federal agencies. Dana acts as one of the administration's primary spokeswomen with regard to environmental issues, taking complex issues and making them understandable so the message can get out to concerned citizens. Prior to her work with the White House, Dana served as press secretary for former Congressman Dan Schaefer and a staff assistant in my office. From that humble beginning, Dana has gone on to do great things.

Mr. Speaker, Dana Perino is a committed and hard working public servant. Her years of service to the citizens of Colorado and the Na-

tion at large are truly an inspiration to us all. I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Dana here today. Congratulations and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING ZURETTI GOOSBY, JR.,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zuretti Goosby, Jr., an extraordinary citizen of Humboldt County, California who has devoted his life to public service. He is being honored for his dedication to the highest and best principles of our democracy and for his contributions to the community.

Zuretti Goosby, Jr., who serves as Field Representative for State Senator Wesley Chesbro, has been a respected leader dedicated to empowering the economically disadvantaged. He was the Executive Director of the Redwood Community Action Agency which provides a broad spectrum of services to those in need. He has tirelessly committed his time, knowledge and considerable skills to enhancing health care services to those who are underserved and continues his service on various community policy and planning committees and boards of directors, including the Community Open Door Health Centers and St. Joseph's Hospital Advisory Committee. In addition, he served as President of the Board of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center and Vice President of the Board of the Volunteer Center of the Redwoods Advisory Council.

Zuey Goosby, former Executive Director of the Yurok Tribe, has devoted himself to protecting the civil and human rights of all people, recognizing that many of our fellow citizens are still victimized by racism and poverty. He continues to contribute his efforts on behalf of indigenous cultures. He is committed to protecting the natural resource treasures of Northern California. He is a member of the City of Eureka Trails Committee and a member of the Board of Governors of the North Coast Regional Land Trust, the Humboldt Arts Council, Mainstreet Media Project and the Arcata Community Recycling Center.

A highly regarded member of the North Coast community, Zuey Goosby was born in Oakland, California and grew up in San Francisco. He and his late wife Sara came to Humboldt County and raised their two daughters, Jenckyn and Dara with care and devotion. He is a master gardener, kayaker and active walker.

Zuey Goosby is being recognized this year for his outstanding contributions to the political process by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee as the Democrat of the Year 2003.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Zuretti Goosby, Jr. for his unwavering commitment to the ideals and values that sustain our great country.